

Defense of the Sparrow.

Let us see what a weed means to the farmer! A thousand per cent. is the increase nature yields in corn; but the ordinary garden weed reproduces in a single season from a single plant 100,000 seeds, which in another year would yield 1,000,000,000 weed plants. Up in Indian Head, in northwest Canada, where—if any place on earth—frost should prove death to weeds, the government horticulturist found a tumbling mustard plant which by actual count produced 1,500,000 seeds. Science may counsel spraying for weeds; but you can't spray out weeds that are carried to the four corners of the earth by winds, and wing their way in all sorts of fairy parachutes like thistle and dandelion down. The only way to destroy such weeds is to destroy the seeds early in the game, says Agnes C. Lant, in Outlook. Now there is probably no bird regarded as more of a pest than the little sparrow. His ill-bred, loud-voiced clatter drives away song-birds. He hangs round your barn and steals your grain, and he nests in the eaves of your poultry house and infests the cracks with that vermin pest of chicken life—mites—and he proves a mussy visitant on your house piazzas. Yet balance the little sparrow's account with what is to his credit. A scientist in Iowa by test after test found that in winter time the sparrow ate about a quarter of an ounce of weed seed a day. Then he counted the number of sparrows ordinarily seen in winter to the square mile. He put the number at ten. I think that is away below the average. Try it yourself, wherever you live; but on the basis of ten birds to the square mile, he figured that the sparrows must eat in the state of Iowa alone 875 tons of weeds a winter. I would not like to have to figure out how many acres of good land those weeds would have assuredly contaminated.

It has been announced the experiment of the public story hour made under the auspices of several women's clubs of the city last year is to be continued. A fund privately subscribed has been turned over to the library board for this purpose, and the indications now are that these story hours will become a permanent institution in Chicago, as it already is in New York and other American cities. As an extension of our library's usefulness the story hour, which, in effect, aims to awaken the interest of the children in books and to teach them how and where to find the best reading, has been proved a practical extension of the usefulness of public libraries. It is a valuable adjunct of our educational system, deserving public support. It is not enough merely to have books in a great public repository. Books must be brought to the people, and especially to the young. The story hour is a conservative attempt along these larger lines of usefulness.

Milk, and nothing else, is the latest cure for stout people. Prof. F. Moritz of Strasburg, the pioneer of this new dietary, declares positively that an exclusive diet of milk is the simplest, the most comfortable and cheapest remedy for obesity. A limited quantity of water may be taken, but, with this exception, the patient takes absolutely no food or drink but milk. The allowance varies in individual cases, from a little over two pints to 3½ pints daily, taken at five separate "meal times." Milk is filling and satisfying, and the patient suffers neither from hunger nor thirst. The cure is easy for the doctor to direct, and makes no great demands on the patient to carry out. As for its efficacy, Prof. Moritz says that one patient lost 56 pounds in 81

"cure days," an average of more than half a pound daily. The cure is said to be especially beneficial in all cases when the patient has any heart or kidney trouble.

The Playground Association of America opines that public bath-houses are more important than Carnegie libraries. These seem to preserve their relative position with respect to godliness.

Most of the New York papers took down with scorn on the proposition to limit the height of future buildings there to 15 stories. They take a loftier view of the subject from their higher altitudes.

Mr. Bostock, it is said, has a plan to make lions and tigers so harmless that they may be adopted as household pets if desired. This may be a good scheme, but guinea pigs will do for us.

One court has decided that Harry Thaw has no brains, another has held that he has no money, and everybody knows he has no friends. Surely the way of the transgressor is hard.

It is Peary's intention to reach the pole this time or drop out of the game. We should hate to see him do this. He is about the best midsummer reading we know.

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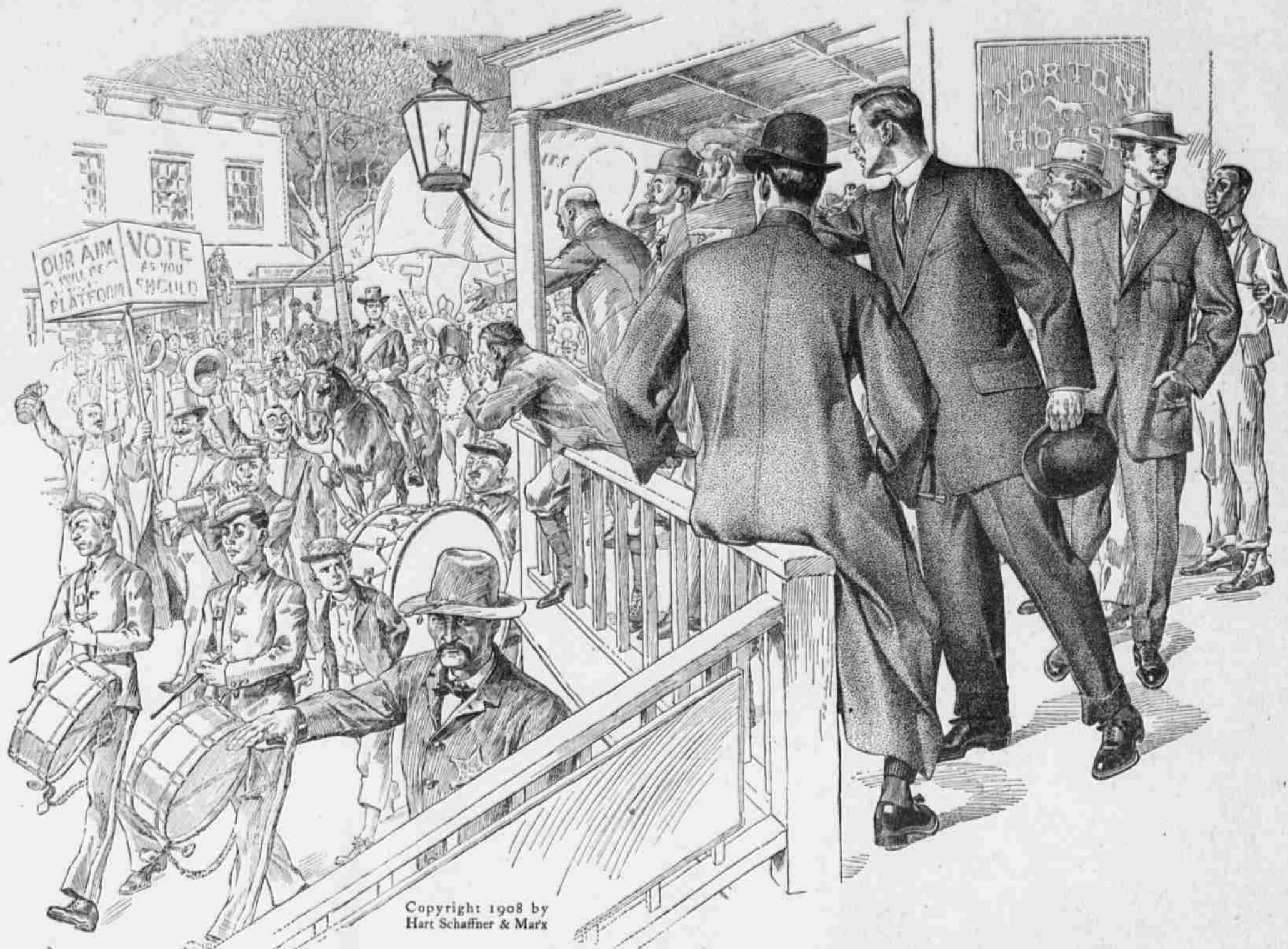
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